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Response language for inquiries on the wayward tarball sample.

This is not for release. It is for reference only if there is a call about that specific wayward sample.

On June 11, a member of a non-governmental organization collected a tarball from Crystal Cove State Beach using non-standard collection techniques. This tarball was given to the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) a month later. At the request the California Coastal Commission, OSPR tested the tarball and found it consistent with Refugio oil. Due to the collection method and delay in transfer, the results are considered informational. There has been natural seep activity in the area, but the Unified Command at the request of State Parks followed up at Crystal Cove.

NOTE: The follow up included a survey and collection of two tarball samples. I did not include this in the message.

Please advise if there are language changes or concerns.

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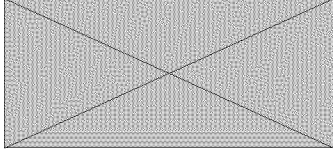
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